

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Kindly amend as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for use in a graphical user interface configured to support a login operation, the method comprising:

displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;

upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, displaying at least one user input field within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation; and

while conditions allow for the reception of the user password input and it is determined that there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface, wherein the display of the reminder information is removed upon receipt of a beginning of an input via the at least one user input field.

2-4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the reminder information includes user provided password reminder information.

6-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login operation by performing steps comprising:

displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;

upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, displaying at least one user input field on the display within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation;

determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation while conditions allow for the reception of the user input, wherein the failure is detected at least in part by failure to receive the user password input for a given amount of time; and

automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface based on the failure to operatively receive the user password input; and

removing reminder information associated with the user input field upon beginning to input a second user password.

10-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 9, wherein the reminder information includes user provided password reminder information.

14-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An arrangement comprising:

memory;

a display device;

a user input device; and

a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and the user input device, the processor being configured to:

display at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface on the display device, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;

receive user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, and in response display at least one user input field within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation;

determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation while conditions allow for the reception of the user input; and

automatically display reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism as a hint balloon within the graphical user interface based on the failure to operatively receive the user password input; and
remove the hint balloon upon receiving a second input.

18-20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The arrangement as recited in Claim 17, wherein the reminder information includes user provided password reminder information previously stored in the memory.

22-24. (canceled)